

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 18-CR-33

CARRIE MCCOY,

Defendant.

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**ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR RELEASE**

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Defendant Carrie McCoy was sentenced to a term of 51 months in the custody of the Bureau of Prisons for her crimes of mail fraud. She has written the court requesting that the court grant her request for compassionate release under 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(1)(a), as amended by the First Step Act of 2018, Pl 115-391, December 21, 2018, 132 Stat. 5194. Construing McCoy's letter as a motion seeking such relief, I conclude that it must be denied.

Although the First Step Act has broadened the circumstances under which compassionate leave can be granted, it still requires that the inmate seeking such leave fully exhaust all administrative rights to appeal a failure of the Bureau of Prisons to bring a motion on the defendant's behalf within the Bureau itself. It is clear from the fact that the First Step Act only became law on December 21, 2018, that the defendant has failed to exhaust her administrative remedies. Her letter contains no statement to the contrary. Under these circumstances, the motion is denied.

**SO ORDERED** this 30th day of January, 2019.

s/ William C. Griesbach  
William C. Griesbach, Chief Judge  
United States District Court